

**E-COMMERCE LONG-RANGE STRATEGY REPORT**

**SECTION 6.14.** The Office of the State Controller shall evaluate the opportunities for efficiencies in State government through the use of electronic commerce as it relates to both disbursement and collection of funds, and shall report the results of that evaluation to the 2008 Regular Session of the 2007 General Assembly. The report shall include all of the following:

- (1) Input from the entire State government user base, including State agencies, universities, community colleges, local education agencies, and other units of government that may be disbursing or collecting State funds. Input is also to be obtained from the various central agencies involved in the financial affairs of State government and from the Office of Information Technology.
- (2) Specific proposals that would, if implemented, expand electronic commerce activity in the State government fiscal environment, and which shall include the establishment of an ongoing function within State government to execute the expansion. The recommendations should address activities that are suitable for statewide contractual arrangements, as well as those suitable for governmental entities to pursue individually. The recommendations should include expected costs and benefits of these implementations; recommendations for funding recurring and nonrecurring costs of the specific proposals; and a business case to support the recommendations.
- (3) Proposed legislation that may be considered by the 2008 Regular Session of the 2007 General Assembly to ensure compliance with merchant card industry policies and standards for operations and security.
- (4) Proposed legislation that may be considered by the 2008 Regular Session of the 2007 General Assembly that addresses any inconsistencies or conflicts in existing statutes relating to electronic commerce activities.

Periodic updates on this activity may be requested by the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations. The final report is due no later than April 30, 2008.

**UNC      DISTINGUISHED      PROFESSOR      CHALLENGE-GRANT  
INITIATIVE/REDUCE BACKLOG FOR DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR  
ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND PROFESSORSHIPS**

**SECTION 6.15.(a)** The UNC Distinguished Professor Challenge-Grant Initiative is established as a reserve fund to be administered by the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina. Funds in the UNC Distinguished Professor Challenge-Grant Initiative shall be used to provide State matching funds for a private challenge-grant initiative and shall be allocated consistent with G.S. 116-41.15. Funds from the UNC Distinguished Professor Challenge-Grant Initiative when matched with private funds shall provide the funding required to endow one distinguished professorship at each of the 16 constituent institutions of The University of North Carolina in the 2007-2008 fiscal year. All professorships endowed through this Initiative shall be in the fields of teacher education, engineering, nursing, or the traditional arts and sciences.